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A. MILPER Message, DTG 17 March 2004, SUBJECT: Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal and Global War on Terrorism Service Medal-Implementing Instructions.

B. MILPER Message, DTG 15 April 2005, SUBJECT: Afghanistan Campaign Medal and Iraq Campaign Medal-Implementing Instructions.

1. The Office of the Secretary of Defense has announced the following changes to the designated area of eligibility (AOE) for award of the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (GWOTEM), as outlined in Ref A:

A. ADDITIONS: Effective 11 September 2001, Soldiers serving in the following geographical locations may be awarded the GWOTEM, provided they meet the prescribed criteria as outlined in Ref A. The locations are as follows: Algeria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Chad, Georgia, Hungary, Kosovo (only specific GWOT operations not associated with operations qualifying for the Kosovo Campaign Medal), Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Turkey, Uganda, and the Mediterranean Sea ("boarding and searching" vessel operations).

B. CHANGES: Effective 30 April 2005, the GWOTEM is no longer authorized to be awarded for service in Afghanistan and/or Iraq.

(1) Service members qualified for the GWOTEM by reasons of service between 24 October 2001 and 30 April 2005, in Afghanistan, shall remain qualified for the medal. Any such Soldier may be awarded the Afghanistan Campaign Medal (ACM) in lieu of the GWOTEM for such service. Additionally, any such Soldier authorized the arrowhead device may be awarded the ACM with arrowhead device in lieu of the GWOTEM with arrowhead device. No Soldier shall be entitled to both medals for the same, act, achievement or period of service.

(2) Service members qualified for the GWOTEM by reasons of service between 19 March 2003 and 30 April 2005, in Iraq, shall remain qualified for the medal. Any such Soldier may be awarded the Iraq Campaign Medal (ICM) in lieu of the GWOTEM for such service. Additionally, any such Soldier authorized the arrowhead device may be awarded the ICM with arrowhead device in lieu of the GWOTEM with arrowhead device. No Soldier shall be entitled to both medals for the same, act, achievement or period of service.

2. Under no condition shall Soldiers receive more than one of the following; the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal, ACM, ICM, or GWOTEM for the same act, time period or service.

3. Please refer to Ref A and B for instructions on award of the ACM, ICM or GWOTEM to veterans, retirees, or their next of kin:

4. Questions reference this message can be sent to the Military Awards Branch email at awards@hoffman.army.mil.